UNITED NATIONS **S**

Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

S/1996/828
7 October 1996
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: ARABIC

LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, at 0600 hours on 25 September 1996, a United States helicopter armed with missiles flew over two Iraqi patrol boats in Iraqi territorial waters and continued to fly over them as far as buoy No. 5 at coordinates 705915 (1:100,000 map of Mina' al-Bakr).

I request you to intervene with the United States Government to cease such recurrent and unjustified acts of provocation, which create tension in the region and contravene the Charter of the United Nations, as well as international law. I also affirm the legally established right of the Government of Iraq to claim compensation for the damage caused by such hostile acts in accordance with the principle of international responsibility.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

96-26497 (E) 081096 081096